

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 20TH, 2020, AT 7:00 P.M.  
REMOTELY, WITH ACCESS VIA RINGCENTRAL**

**ROLL CALL**

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m.

PRESENT: Chair Lindermeier, Vice Chair Spielman, Commissioners Yeh, Morris, Eckmann, Weinberg, and Dailey

ABSENT: None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

1. Commission Minutes

Action: Upon a motion by Vice Chair Spielman, seconded by Commissioner Eckman, the Commission approved the minutes (with changes) for the meeting of May 22, 2020 by the following vote:

Approve: Lindermeier, Spielman, Yeh, Morris, Eckmann, Weinberg, Dailey.

Oppose: None.

Abstention: None.

Motion passed: 7-0-0.

2. Meeting Strategies

Review and discuss proposed meeting strategies from Chair Lindermeier and approve guidelines for future meetings.

Action: Chair Lindermeier proposed moving this item to the next meeting (scheduled 6/10/2020) due to time constraints. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Weinberg. The motion passed by the following vote:

Approve: Lindermeier, Spielman, Yeh, Morris, Eckmann, Weinberg, Dailey.

Oppose: None.

Abstention: None.

Motion passed: 7-0-0.

3. Fenced-in Dog Park and Pilot Off-leash Hours Program

3a. Dog Park Workshop Results

Trevor Marsden, City of Los Altos Analyst Fellow, reported on the public outreach results gathered at the two Dog Park Workshops (at the Garden House on Wednesday, 2/12/2020, and at the Grant Park Community Center on Saturday, 2/29/2020). The slides of the City staff

PowerPoint presentation and an additional attachment are located on the Parks and Recreation Commission website:

<https://www.losaltosca.gov/parksreccommission/page/special-parks-and-recreation-commission-remote-access-ringcentral-0>

Public Comment:

Five members of the public spoke; their comments are located on the attached Addendum.

3b. Community-driven Dog Park Input

Recreation & Community Services Director Donna Legge presented a staff report which included the history of the formation of the Dog Park Subcommittee, the history of Commission surveys administered on the public, the community outreach, community member comments submitted via email, and independent dog park input. The two attachments with the independent dog park input are on the Parks and Recreation Commission website:

<https://www.losaltosca.gov/parksreccommission/page/special-parks-and-recreation-commission-remote-access-ringcentral-0>

Public Comment:

Seven members of the public spoke; their comments are located on the attached Addendum.

**Chair Lindermeier initiated a 10-minute break. (8:45 p.m. to 8:55 p.m.)**

3c. Fenced-in Dog Park and Off-leash Hours Program Recommendations

Vice Chair Spielman and Commissioners Morris and Eckmann presented the recommendations of the Dog Park Subcommittee of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Their report is on the Parks and Recreation Commission website:

<https://www.losaltosca.gov/parksreccommission/page/special-parks-and-recreation-commission-remote-access-ringcentral-0>

Public Comment:

Twenty-nine members of the public spoke; their comments are located on the attached Addendum.

Action:

Commissioner Eckmann moved that the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend that City Council consider an off-leash dog park site at Hillview Baseball Field for a trial period of six (6) months. Commissioner Dailey seconded the motion.

Chair Lindermeier proposed a friendly amendment to change the trial period to twelve (12) months. Commissioner Eckmann accepted that friendly amendment.

Chair Lindermeier withdrew her amendment.

Chair Lindermeier proposed a new friendly amendment to read “nine (9) operational months.” Commissioner Eckmann accepted that friendly amendment.

Commissioner Spielman proposed a friendly amendment that the phrase “subject to public health guidelines” be added to the end of the motion.

Commissioner Weinberg proposed a friendly amendment that included the phrase “PARC recommends that City Council establish” at the beginning of the motion.

After discussion and consideration on wording, the final motion voted upon was as follows:

Commissioner Eckmann moved that the Parks and Recreation Commission recommends that City Council establish an off-leash hours pilot program at Hillview Baseball Field for a trial period of nine (9) operational months, subject to public health guidelines.

Approve: Lindermeier, Spielman, Yeh, Morris, Eckmann, Weinberg, Dailey.

Oppose: None.

Abstention: None.

Motion passed: 7-0-0.

**Chair Lindermeier initiated a 5-minute break. (12:23 a.m., 5/21/2020, to 12:29 a.m., 5/21/2020)**

Action:

Commissioner Dailey moved that the Parks and Recreation Commission recommends that City Council not consider a fenced-in dog park until such time that a property can be identified that would not require taking existing park land out of its current use. Commissioner Eckmann seconded the motion.

Approve: Eckmann, Dailey.

Oppose: Lindermeier, Spielman, Morris, Weinberg.

Abstention: Yeh.

Motion failed: 2-4-1.

Action:

Commissioner Weinberg moved that the Parks and Recreation Commission report to City Council that at this time, we do not believe it is appropriate to establish a fenced-in dog park at either Lincoln Park or McKenzie Park. Commissioner Dailey seconded the motion.

Approve: Lindermeier, Spielman, Yeh, Eckmann, Weinberg, Dailey.

Oppose: None.

Abstention: Morris.

Motion passed: 6-0-1.

Action:

Commissioner Weinberg moved that the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend Heritage Oaks Park, using the same language that was used to recommend Hillview Baseball Field.

The motion voted upon reads as follows:

Commissioner Weinberg moved that the Parks and Recreation Commission recommends that City Council establish an off-leash hours pilot program at Heritage Oaks Park for a trial period of nine (9) operational months, subject to public health guidelines.

Approve: Lindermeier, Spielman, Yeh, Weinberg.

Oppose: Morris, Eckmann, Dailey.

Abstention: None.

Motion passed: 4-3-0.

## **POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. Meeting Guidelines (June)
- B. Fiscal Year 2020-21 Work Plan – Review Work Plan and recap joint meeting (June)
- C. Heritage Oaks Park Specifications – Finalizing Recommendation to City Council – Check-in
- D. GreenTown Los Altos Presentation
- E. Bocce Ball Proposal
- F. Halsey House Update Presentation
- G. Grant Park Master Plan
- H. COVID-19 Update (June)

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Lindermeier adjourned the meeting at 2:00 a.m. on Thursday, 5/21/2020